

THE WIFE'S LAMENT QUESTIONS
BRITISH LIT
MRS. PILGREEN

Name _____

Date _____ Hour _____

CHECK YOUR COMPREHENSION

1. To whom does the wife refer to as her "lord"?
2. Why is the wife unhappy?
3. Why was the wife commanded to leave her home?

CRITICAL THINKING

1. What does the wife mean by the phrase "grew up" in line 3?
2. What is meant by the line "I must far and near bear the anger of my beloved"?
3. If the husband were to return, do you think the wife would be welcoming?
4. Does the poem effectively portray the wife as a believable person?

LITERARY FOCUS

1. What makes this poem an **elegy**?
2. What makes this poem a **lyric**?
3. Find one **kenning** that is a metaphor for the ocean.
4. Find one example of **assonance**.
5. Find one example of **alliteration**.